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Dear Captain Connell, NIS-27F/bem 5400 F7-63 Ser U3438

Thanks you for your letter stamp dated 4/15 and the enclosure.

The matters of which this is part are, I believe, more complex than you indicate. They have been referred to you but there is no indication that you have been prepared. I therefore write you rather than file an appeal to reduce the unnecessary paperwork and perhaps obtain more compliance in less time.

One illustration of the problems for those of us who seek this information is stated in your letter. The CIA did not refer this request to you until this month. Your response is prompt. But my request was of two years ago. This lapse of time is considerably greater than the maximum back log claimed by the CIA or any other agency.

I am sure I am not alone in having sought all the previously-withheld information relating to the JFK assassination and its investigation. I am also sure I am not alone in having been misled on what had been made available. Or about the regularity and completeness of review and disclosure.

I had been led to believe, I am certain not alone, that all the Oswald military records had been transferred to the Archives. I made requests there and if I did not make one of the Navy I made requests of other agencies that include every Oswald Navy record, requests required to have been forwarded under the Act as I understand it and the applicable Attorney General's Memorandum on the Act.

If you elect to designate this a new FOIA request I suppose there is nothing I can or will do about it.

From your letter and your excisions in the attachments I do assume good faith on your part. I also assume that you personally are not intimately aware of the facts. Otherwise I am sure you would not have excised what is public knowledge, what is freely available elsewhere, what has been published.

(The masked name is known. You can easily satisfy yourself by phoning Mr. Marion Johnson at the National Archives. I suggest that with what goes on in this field you may cause injury to others by withholding the name in these records that will get around.

The Navy is aware of which of the Oswald records it supplied to the Warren Commission and which of those the Commission printed. There is also an ONI Oswald file I have from the Archives. Some records have been withheld from it. I do want all other Oswald records, regardles of form or origin. While I doubt I will use most of them in my writing I have already designated all my records for deposit in a university system which has already begun to use them. The Attorney General has designed this subject as one of national importance and historical interest and I do want this deposit to be as complete as possible.

Unless the Navy has deposited more records in the Archives recently the Commission's files are incomplete. They are not complete on Oswald at Keesler Field, on his security clearances and in other respects. One of these respects relates to New Orleans. This is not limited to what the late Guy Johnson, ONI, sent from New Orleans. From New Orleans alone there are records that include information provided to a Washington ONI officer. In every case my knowledge comes from a first-person source or from sworn statements. Mr. Johnson, for example, was a friend of mine.

I am certain the CIA has more Oswald Navy files than those you were kind enough to send me and for which I do thank you. This is likewise true of the FBI. You say nothing of referrals to you from it.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg